

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US04/38691

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : C08L 81/06; H01M 6/18, 8/10

US CL : 429/33, 314; 525/534, 535

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 429/33, 314; 525/534, 535

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 2003/46080 A1 (KINOCHI et al.) 05 June 2003 (05.06.2003), page 2, paragraphs 18 and 19 and page 15, paragraphs 212-214.	4-9
X	US 2002/0091225 A1 (MCGRATH et al.) 11 July 2002 (11.07.2002), page 1, paragraph 3, page 2, top chemical structure and paragraph 14.	4-9
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Y		
X	US 6,503,378 A (FISHER) 07 January 2003 (07.01.2003), column 2, lines 28-34; column 4, lines 11-16 and 18-28.	4-7
X	US 5,128,378 A (SUGAYA et al.) 07 July 1992 (07.07.1992), column 1, lines 10-11; column 2, lines 19-25; column 3, lines 18-23 and 31-47; and column 4, lines 10-18.	4-7
Y	US 5,115,082 A (MERCER et al.) 19 May 1992 (19.05.1992), column 6; repeating unit (A), column 12, lines 38-45 and column 12, lines 20-21.	1-3
P,X	CAPLUS accession no. 2004:234147, Ghassemi et al., New multiblock copolymers containing hydrophilic-hydrophobic segments for proton exchange membranes, Polymer Preprints, 2004, Vol. 45, No. 1.	1-9



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P,X	Lee et al., Preparation and evaluation of sulfonated-fluorinated poly(arylene ether)s membranes for a proton exchange membrane fuel cell (PEMFC), Electrochimica Acta 49, 14 January 2004, pages 2315-2323.	4-9
P,X	US 2004/0186262 A1 (MAIER et al.) 23 September 2004 (23.09.2004), page 1, paragraphs 7-12.	4-9
P,X	US 2004/0101730 A1 (HIRANO et al.) 27 May 2004 (27.05.2004), page 2, paragraphs 16 and 18; and page 4, paragraphs 56-57.	4-7 and 9
P,A	CAPLUS accession no. 2003:211268, WILES et al., Poly(arylene thioether sulfone) copolymers for PEM-based fuel cell systems, Polymer Preprints, 2003, Vol. 44, No. 1.	4-9
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